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SUBJECT: PROPERTY CLAIMS IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREAS OF CYPRUS:
ESSO AND MOBIL OIL COMPANIES

REF: A. STATE 057040 B. NICOSIA 1099 C. NICOSIA 1006

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM ESSO AND MOBIL OIL COMPANIES LISTS OF THEIR ASSETS LOCATED IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREAS OF CYPRUS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THIS INFORMATION BE COMMUNICATED TO TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES AS FOLLOW UP TO AMBASSADOR'S MARCH 24 DEMARCHE (REF B) AND AS LOGICAL NEXT STEP IN PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR COMPANIES' ASSETS IN NORTH. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF EMBASSY LETTER TO DENKTASH.

2. BEGIN TEXT TO: HIS EXCELLENCY RAUF R. DENKTASH NICOSIA
CYPRUS

YOUR EXCELLENCY: I REFER TO MY LETTER OF MARCH 24, 1975 CONCERNING PROPERTY CLAIMS OF FOREIGN INTERESTS IN TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.

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I TAKE THE LIBERTY OF TRANSMITTING HERewith LISTS
SHOWING THE ASSETS OF ESSO STANDARD (NEAR EAST) INC.
AND MOBIL OIL CYPRUS (LTD.), SITUATED IN THE TURKISH
CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THESE
LISTS SHOW PETROL STATIONS BY LOCATIONS, DEALER'S NAME,
LAND AND BUILDING OWNERSHIP, AND PERIODS OF LEASING.
COPIES OF LEASES WITH REGARD TO THESE PROPERTIES ARE
ALSO ENCLOSED. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ESSO
AND MOBIL THAT A NUMBER OF PETROL STATIONS IN THE
TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA ARE BEING OPERATED BY THE TURKISH
CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OIL COMPANIES.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ADDITION OTHER AMERICAN
COMPANIES HAVE INTERESTS IN CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
SITUATED IN THE NORTH. THE EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
SECTION HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR
SOME TIME, PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION IN SUPPORT OF OUR REQUESTS
FOR PROTECTION.

I WISH TO REITERATE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
RESERVES ALL OF ITS RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW WITH
REGARD TO RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AND INDEMNIFICATION
OF LOSSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.
SINCERELY, WILLIAM R. CRAWFORD, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.
END TEXT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON ABOVE.

4. EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER
INFORMING GOT ALONG SAME LINES, PROVIDING COPIES OF
LISTS OF COMPANIES' ASSETS. IF THIS APPROACH ADOPTED.
EMBASSY WILL POUCH APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO EITHER ANKARA
OR DEPARTMENT.
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